

PARTNERING TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY HEALTH



Total Number of Referrals to the Early Development Services Coordination Program

1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	1995-00 Referral Increase	% of Increase
246	297	302	329	355	109	44%

Partnership Goals

1. All children will be referred for services when there is a concern about the child's development.
2. Children who have disabilities or developmental delays will be referred to services as early as possible. For children less than one year of age, there has been a 90 percent increase in referrals since 1995-1996 fiscal year.
3. The availability of quality, affordable licensed child care for children with special needs will be increased. Twenty-five child care centers and 28 home providers are participating in grant activities to better serve children with special needs. This represents about six percent of licensed providers in Lincoln and a 35 percent increase over 1999.



Partnering to Improve Access to Care

The Health Department partners with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS), the Lancaster County Medical Society, local hospitals and the Urban Indian Medical Center to provide access to health care. Services include: medication costs, Medicaid and Kids Connection outreach and enrollment, pregnancy testing, transportation for physician visits, Medicaid managed care outreach and enrollment, onsite translation, and support to practicing primary care physicians in the community. Over 900 women received pregnancy testing and assistance in obtaining early prenatal care.



CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT PETS

Animal Control Officers have partnered with teachers and students from nearly all elementary and parochial schools in Lincoln. One hundred seventy presentations were given to 8,266 elementary and preschool children. Citizen donations of nearly \$12,000 financed the purchase of new videos, films and educational materials. Lamar Outdoor Advertising donated \$10,900 in billboard space so that the "Be Kind to Animal Week" winning poster entries could be displayed.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health recognizes several community partners through its Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony.

1999 AWARD RECIPIENTS

- ❖ Pfizer, Inc.
- ❖ Neal Westphal
- ❖ University of Nebraska-Lincoln Teachers College
- ❖ University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing-Lincoln
- ❖ Nebraska Wesleyan University College of Nursing
- ❖ Union College College of Nursing Office of Financial Aid
- ❖ Lincoln Public Schools Food Services Program
- ❖ John L. Reed, MD
- ❖ Dale E. Michels, MD